# GE Aviation: Investing in the Future

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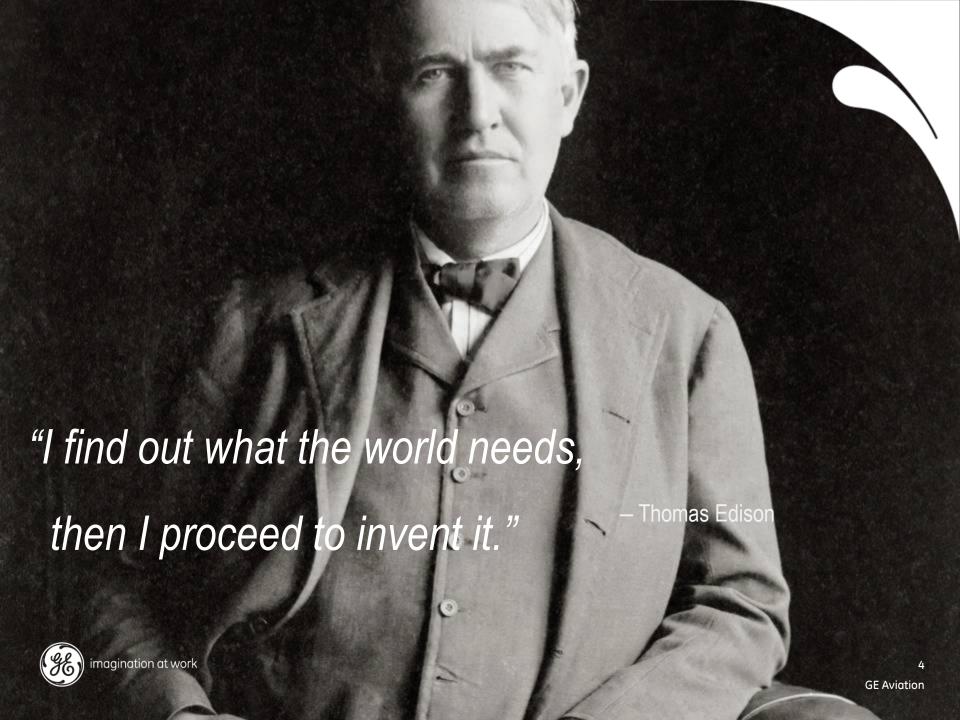
#### The three questions:

- (a) How GE maintains global awareness of what is happening in diverse areas of science, technology, and innovation?
- (b) How GE builds mutually beneficial relationships and partnerships across the global S&T enterprise?
- (c) How GE assesses the benefits and costs of conducting, as well as engaging in, global S&T?

Note: The material that follows is a high level, non-proprietary response by the General Electric Company to the aforementioned questions.



# **GE Aviation:** Legacy/marketplace



## GE Aviation portfolio ... \$20B











Largest provider of jet engines in the world

- 40,000 employees
- ~85 sites globally



(a- Includes GE's share of revenue from CFM and EA engines

CFM is a 50/50 JV between GE and Snecma

EA is a 50/50 JV between GE and Pratt & Whitney

### Technical innovation ...

Key to our past and future

U.S. jet engine

U.S. turboprop engine

Mach 2 engine

High bypass engine

Variable cycle turbofan engine

Unducted fan engine

Composite fan blade in airline service

120,000+ lb thrust engine

4D trajectory flight in revenue service

Modular power tile

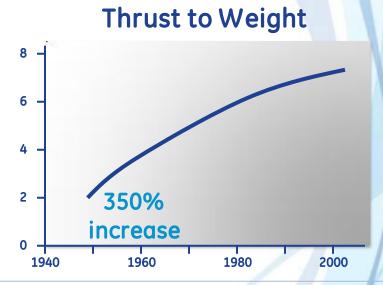
FMS-controlled Unmanned Aircraft System

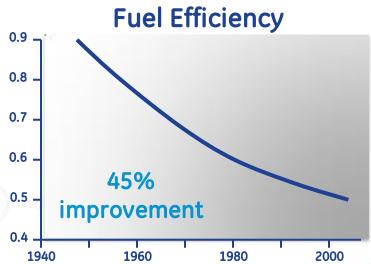


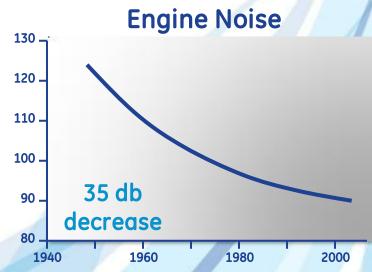


# 50 years of engine improvements



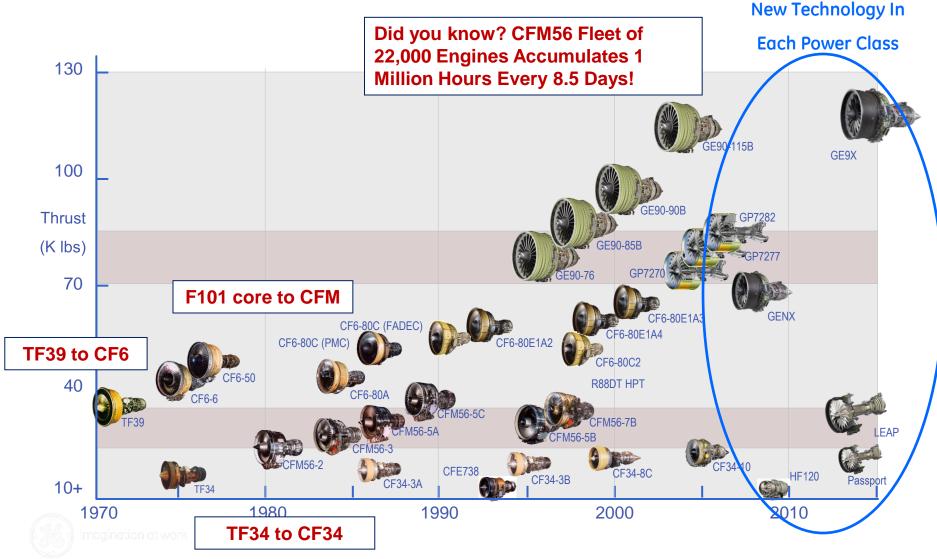








#### Commercial engines...by thrust rating

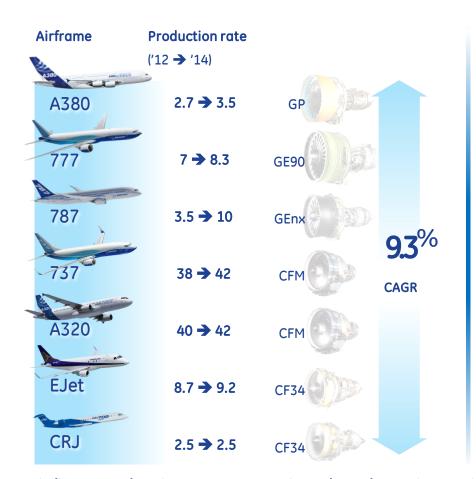


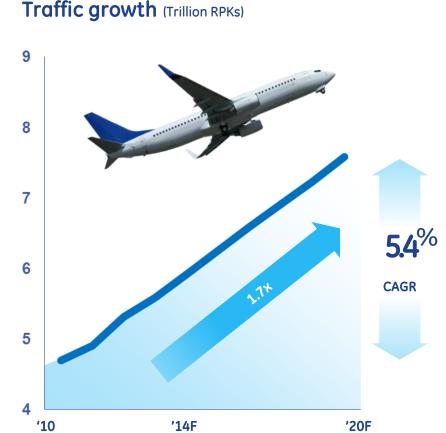




# The Future: Global forces/environment

## Commercial aviation growing steadily





#### Highest production ramp rates in 3 decades ... inconsistent with demand growth

Boeing and Airbus are increasing rates to  $\sim$ 40 / month. That means: 40 x 2 (Airbus & Boeing) x 11.5 mth. / yr. = 920 / yr. or  $\sim$ 1,000 including the other new single aisles.1,000 x 5 years = 5,000 / 10 yrs. = 10,000 / 20 yrs. = 20,000 aircraft.



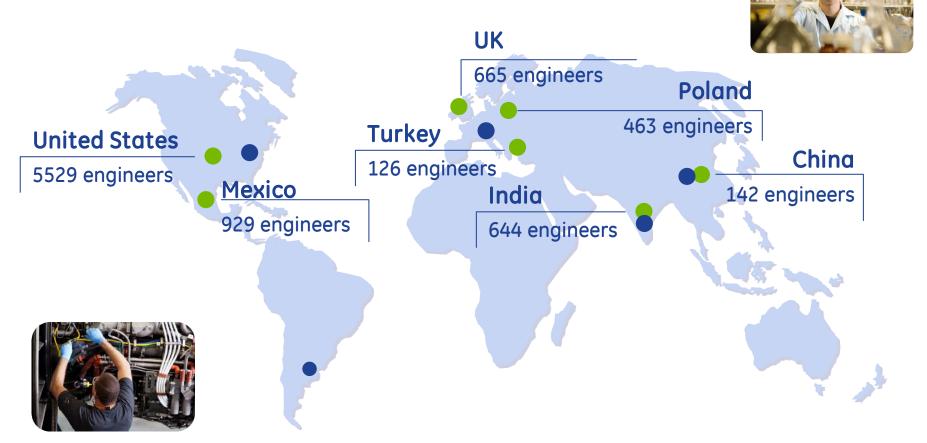
## Our Industry-Specifically Propulsion

- Timescales of innovation long...safety demands technologies to be proven...strategic vision/commitment a must (Gamma TiAl, CMC, etc.)...multi-decade VISION
- Almost every flying technology started as a USG funded (NASA, DoD, etc.) early TRL level study, many driven to TRL 5 or 6. Changing dynamics/players...WTO agreement, sequestration, emerging funding sources
- Doubling of revenue miles every 13-15 years despite "shocks" such as 911
- Question: How many "tube/wing" iterations are left?
  - > 15% campaign/campaign FB improvement a must
  - > ICAO 2050 CO<sub>2</sub> commitment, other regs looming





# **GE Aviation Engineering**



Over 8000 engineers around the globe
3000 technologists at 5 Global Research Sites



### Practical innovation ... GE's model

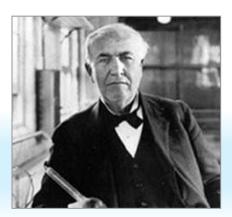
#### Global resources teamed to advance technology

#### Idea creation +



Winning products

- Internal
- Customers
- Government
- Universities (300+ relationships)



- Cross-disciplinary teams
- Technology roadmaps
- TRL/MRL maturation plans
- Long-term growth strategies
- Tactical funding



30+ new technologies by 2020













# The Physics of "Readiness to Serve"

$$Range = \left(\frac{V_0}{SFC}\right) * \left(\frac{L}{D}\right) * \ln \left(\frac{W_{initial}}{W_{final}}\right)$$

$$= (FHV * \eta_{thermal}) * \eta_{transfer} * \eta_{propulsive}) * (\frac{L}{D}) * \ln \left(1 + \frac{W_{fuel}}{W_{payload} + W_{empty}}\right)$$

Today

2020-2050?

- Highly Loaded Compressors
- High OPR Low Emissions Combustors
- Low Loss Inlets
- Variable Low Loss Exhausts
- Turbofans

Very High BPR

- Ultra High BPR Turbofans
- Novel Alloys / MMC's
- Non-metallics

- Adaptive cycles
- Constant Volume Combustion
- Hybrid Electric Propulsion
- Distributed Power Transmission
- Open Rotors
- Distributed Propulsion
- Wake Ingestion

 Advanced Engine Architectures

# Essential technologies ... keeping the pipeline filled

**Technology** 











**High-temp** materials

Flight Management

2010

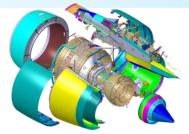
Advanced turbofan

Integrated engine and aircraft systems

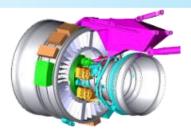
Adaptive cycles

Advanced architectures 2020

**Architecture** 



Integrated propulsion



Integrated power generation



Core efficiency

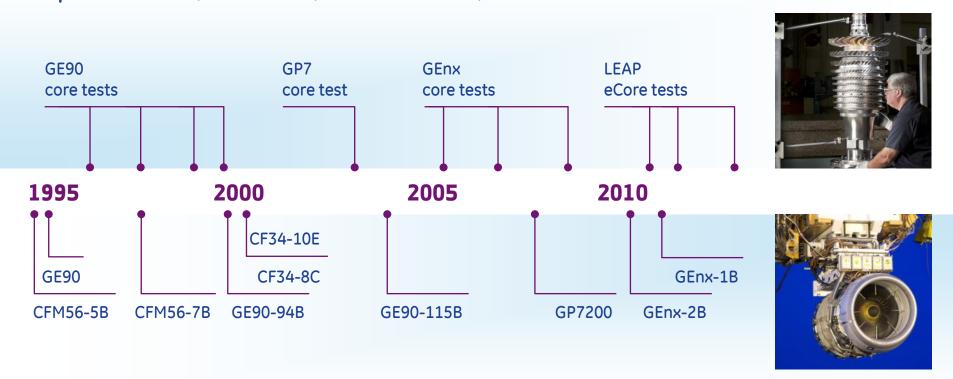


**New designs** 



# Technology success takes commitment and opportunity

Commitment ... **\$1-2** billion continuous technology investment per year, despite 911 (01), SARS (02), Avian Flu (05), and financial meltdown (08)



Opportunity ... 10 new engines proving and maturing technology

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# Propulsion R&D and/or S&T: 2005 to date, one of the best of times...what follows?

**DARPA: VULCAN** 

EU: Clean Sky JTI (€1.6 B)

FAA: CLEEN, NextGen

NASA: ERA, Low NOx, N+1, N+2, N+3, RTAPS, SMAAART, etc.

VAATE: AATE, ADVENT, AETD, FATE, HEETE, VCAT, etc

SBIRs: Numerous Opportunities



# VAATE Propulsion Demo Programs Despite F136 loss, helps GE preserve industrial base

	GE	Other OEM	Other OEM Team	Other OEM
AATE (USA)	Win		Win	
ADVENT (USAF)	Win	Win		
AETD (USAF)	Win			Win
FATE (USA)	Win			
HEETE (USAF)	Win	Win		
Total Wins	5	2	1	1



# NextGen portfolio Potential military/commercial technology synergies



Helicopters



Helicopters





HEETE
(Highly Efficient,

Embedded Turbine Engine)

Customer	US Army	US Army	US Navy/ US Air Force	US Air Force
Program goals	25% better SFC 65% ↑hp/wt	35% better SFC 80% ↑hp/wt	20-200+% better SFC	35% better SFC
Technologies	3D aero, materials	3D aero, efficiency	Variable cycle, 3D aero, FLADE™	3D aero, efficiency
Cogmonto	Attack/utility	Heavy lift	Combat aircraft	Tonkor/Transport





Combat aircraft



KC-135

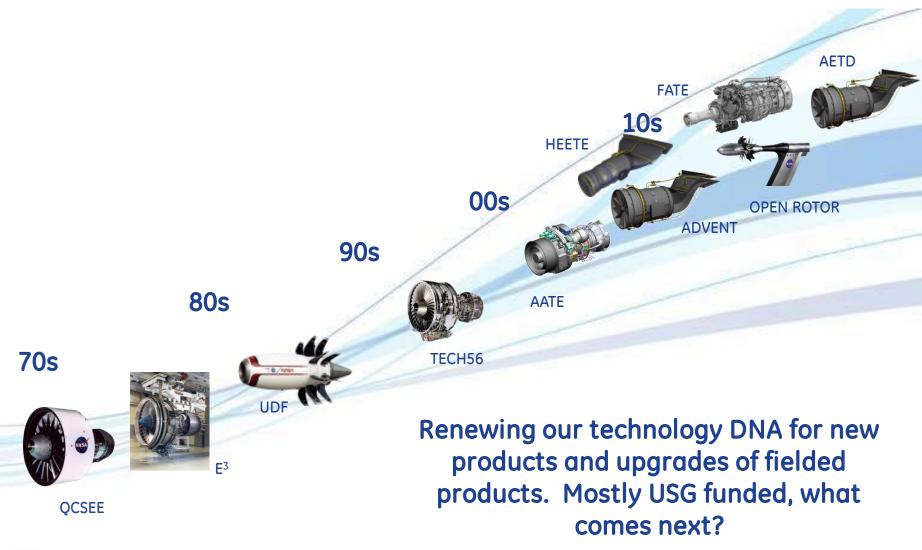
Tanker/Transport

6th Generation



**Segments** 

# Technology demonstrator programs





## Global S&T relationships and partnerships

Emerging architectures, new thermodynamic cycles, hybrids, etc., concept studies good, but...cannot let others get there first!

- Organic capability never enough...build portfolio to meet the future via several approaches:
  - ✓ Joint Technology Development Agreements (JTDAs)
    - Example: Meltless Ti
  - ✓ Joint Ventures
    - Example: TAPS one piece fuel nozzle
  - ✓ Business Development (BD) plays...acquisition
    - Example: Additive manufacturing
- Must participate in setting standards for the certification of emerging technologies:
  - ✓ EU sent out draft electric cert rules for light sport aircraft in 2012 for comments, establish rules in 2013.



## S&T value proposition...key items

Emerging global players, significant inducements from non-traditional sources:

- ➤ Canada (>48% R&D reimbursements), China (significant FTZ inducements, seeking partnerships), EU (Clean Sky I and II), and Singapore (A\*STAR)...can offset high costs of TRL/MRL maturation of emerging technologies
- Background & new IP release requirements a key decision driver (Appears to be a key part of future DoD acquisition requirements)
- Campaigns and proposals for our products...linked to technology engagement/sharing



## GE's commitment ...

- Technology innovation for customer value
- Learning from the world's largest installed fleet
- Focusing on people, processes, and tools across the globe
- To be prepared for, and shape, the future of flight





